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## Alumni Gift Dedicates Pulpit

For nearly a decade the former students of Barium have been securing funds for a fitting memorial to the fifteen boys who lost their lives in World War II. It was the request of the Alumni Association that this money be used for setting the pulpit apart to the Glory of God and in memory of the boys who made the supreme sacrifice in the defense of their country. This request was granted and on Homecoming afternoon several hundred persons gathered in the new Church building for the purpose of dedicating the pulpit to the memory of these men.

The invocation was offered by the Reverend John C. Carriker, pastor of the Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. The names were then read of the fifteen men who lost their lives with a descriptive paragraph about each man. Reid Brown of Alamance, N. C., a former student, and chairman of the committee, then presented to the Reverend Albert B. McClure, superintendent of the Home, a check for $1,356.47 which was accepted as a memorial from the alumni. An appropriate marker will be placed on the pulpit designating this memorial. The pastor of the church, the Reverend Robert R. Collins, led the congregation in a dedicatory prayer, setting apart the pulpit in which he stood to the Glory of God and in memory of the former students of the Home and members of the Church. A prayer hymn was then sung and the congregation adjourned for the Alumni to hold their regular business session in Fellowship Hall.

The next issue of the Messenger will carry the list of the men, together with the paragraph concerning each one's deeds.

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## THANKSGIVING AND BARIUM SPRINGS

**The Synod of North Carolina asks the church to give $100,000.00 at Thanksgiving to Barium Springs. The Home needs every dime of this money to meet the operating expenses. This could be the first year that the goal of the Synod has been met. This can be true only if the Presbyterians, as individuals and as organized groups within the churches, make concerted effort to secure the gifts at Thanksgiving time. What will be your answer to the call of the Boys and Girls of the Home?**

## UNDER THE STEEPLE – Nuggets of News

FROM LITTLE JOE'S CHURCH

By

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### Thanksgiving Meditation

Because Thanksgiving is a part of a person's spiritual nature it can never be confined to a particular time or season. Yet, Thanksgiving Day which will be observed in our country November 24th gives every Christian an opportunity to remember again an important side of our American Heritage. The first Thanksgiving Day came from a longing deep within the hearts of our Pilgrim Fathers to give thanks to Almighty God for His divine goodness and mercies to them.

As you make plans for observance of Thanksgiving Day with your family and friends there will be much to think about. Good food and fellowship with loved ones will no doubt take a large place in your thinking. But what place will you give to God? Will you remember that "every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above", presented to you by your Father in heaven? Will plans to worship Him on Thanksgiving Day be included in your day so that you can join the psalmist in singing, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."?

You alone can give answer to these questions. And having done this you should do one thing more. You should decide what outward acts of love you are going to render before God to give fruitful evidence of your sincere gratitude. John's words make plain the necessity for our deeds of mercy. He writes, "But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth." (I John 3:17,18) Through your church you will be given opportunities to show your thanksgiving to God by contributing to the needs of your brothers. In so doing you will not only be giving a tangible evidence of your personal gratitude to God, but you will discover anew the meaning of the words: "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

## ALUMNI NEWS

Born to Ed and Sallie (Farmer) Cole of Statesville on October 11th ason, Joseph Edward.

Born to William and Shirley (Cannon) Brown in Texas on October 20, a daughter, Brenda Sue.

Gordon and Virginia Presnell Mock of Miama and their two children made a visit to Barium. They had been visiting Margaret Presnell Mayhew and her family in Mooresville.

Edna Baucom and Carol Jean Andrews, students, students at Appalachian Teachers College, Boone, spent the week-end at Barium.

Joyce Kelly, student Nurse at the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte spent the week-end at Barium.

Carl Spicer, David Thomas and Jimmy Johnson were recent visitors on the campus.

Mary Frances (Price) Misenheimer, her husband and baby had Sunday dinner with us recently.

Rae Powell, student nurse at Rowan Hospitai in Salisbury and Betty Lou Johnson of Burlington made a visit to Barium recently.

Phoebe Cochran spent the week-end at Barium. She is a student at Mitchell College, Statesville.

Cecil Burleson has entered Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer, N. C.

Mrs. Marvin A. Boykin (Lottie Blue) and her husband made a short visit to Barium. They live in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Jolly (Annie Hendrix) and two children have moved back to Charlotte. Mr. Jolly is on the Police Force in Charlotte.

Helen Vinson Smith and little girl have moved back to Troutman. Roscoe is expected home soon from service.

Albert Williams has returned to his post after a leave of several weeks.

David Flowers of Charlotte, field representative of the Ford Motor Company, recently presented awards at D. Matt Thompson Junior High School to several participants of a contest held by the Ford Motor Company.

W. A. Johnson, Maxton, has been elected First Vice President of the Western District Cape Fear Area Council of Boy Scouts.

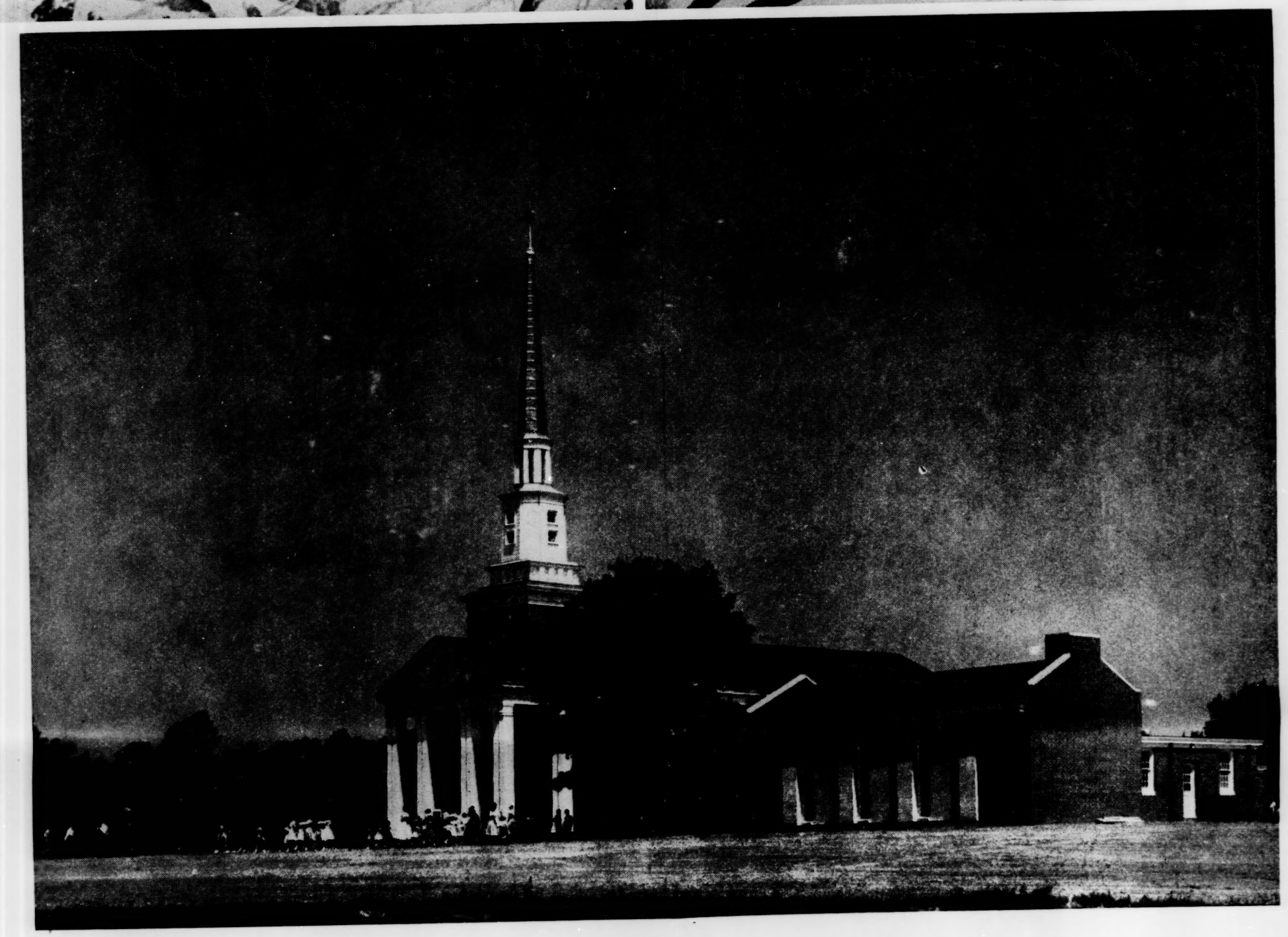
## Homecoming Day

From early morning until late afternoon students and friends of the Home were pouring into the campus for the Homecoming activities. The children of the primary grades in school put on a wonderful chapel program for those who had arrived by eleven o'clock, and the dietician, together with the boys and girls of the Home, spread a bountiful lunch in the dining room at twelve o'clock. Renewing of friendships and questions about others who had been here were the topics of conversation all through the day.

In the Alumni meeting, Grier Kerr was elected president, Pleas Norman, vice-president, and Wallace Twombly, secretary-treasurer. At 3:30 P. M. the Homecoming game between the Barium Tornadoes and the Fighting Methodists of the Children's Home at Winston-Salem saw both teams score early in the first quarter and they continued through the rest of the game without adding to either's total points, as the game ended in a 7-7 tie. Neither Coach Clary of the Methodists nor Coach Calhoun of the Presbyterians was satisfied, but both teams seemed to feel quite relieved when that game was over because when these two gangs get together it is tough going all afternoon as both of them have been trained to play hard and try to win.

After the game, the crowd, including the visiting team, made their way to the dining room which was packed and jammed for an old-time meal of sausage and grits and applesauce - the regular diet for many years for many of the folks who have been to Barium Springs.

# THANKSGIVING OFFERING



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